



Center for Medicaid and State Operations
Disabled and Elderly Health Programs Group (DEHPG)

Mr. Mike Lewis, Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
501 Dexter Avenue
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am pleased to inform you that your request for a new home and community-based waiver for individuals who have mental retardation as authorized under section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act has been approved. Alabama has given this waiver program the title of the "Alabama Living at Home Waiver." This waiver has been assigned control number **0391** which should be referenced in all future correspondence relating to this program.

Specifically, this waiver will provide personal care services, respite care, residential habilitation (in-home), day habilitation, prevocational services, supported employment, environmental accessibility adaptations, skilled nursing, specialized medical equipment and supplies, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, behavior therapy, community specialist, and crisis intervention services for individuals with mental retardation who can be appropriately served in their own homes and communities. Alabama has requested for this waiver to have a maximum cost of \$18,000 per recipient per year, with the exception that crisis intervention services not be included in that cost cap.

Based on the information we received on April 4, May 1, and May 2 after conference calls between CMS and staff from the Alabama Medicaid agency, I approve the waiver request cited above for a three-year period effective June 1, 2002, as requested.

The following estimates of unduplicated recipients and the average per capita cost of waiver services have been approved:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Unduplicated Recipients</u>	<u>Factor D</u>
1	204	\$10,063
2	326	\$14,047
3	449	\$15,224

This approval is subject to your agreement to serve no more individuals than those indicated above. If Alabama wishes to serve more individuals or make any other alterations to this waiver, a waiver amendment must be submitted for approval.

Sincerely,

Mary Jean Duckett, Director
Division of Benefits, Coverage, & Payment

cc: Atlanta Regional Office